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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 SUKHJINDER SINGH,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
13 HOMELAND SECURITY, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. C19-1224-JLR

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO  
SEAL

14 Petitioner brings this 28 U.S.C. § 2241 immigration habeas action to obtain judicial review  
15 of an asylum officer's and immigration judge's negative credible fear determinations. (*See* Dkt.  
16 2.) Currently before the Court is the Government's motion to seal the unredacted version of its  
17 Return Memorandum and Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. 9) and two supporting exhibits (Dkts. 10, 11).  
18 (Dkt. 8.) The Government argues that sealing is proper because the documents contain details  
19 regarding petitioner's asylum claim and such asylum-related material is generally confidential and  
20 protected from disclosure by federal regulation. (*Id.* at 2-3 (citing 8 C.F.R. § 208.6).) In his  
21 publicly-filed response to the Government's return, petitioner disclosed the details regarding his  
22 asylum claim. (*See generally* Dkt. 12.) Because petitioner voluntarily disclosed the information  
23 the Government seeks to seal, the Court cannot find that compelling reasons justify maintaining

1 the documents under seal. Accordingly, the Court DENIES the Government's motion to seal (Dkt.  
2 8) and ORDERS to Clerk to remove to seal on Docket Numbers 9, 10, and 11 on January 17, 2020,  
3 unless objections to this order are filed by that date.

4 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the parties and to the Honorable James  
5 L. Robart.

6 Dated this 3rd day of January, 2020.

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9 Mary Alice Theiler  
United States Magistrate Judge